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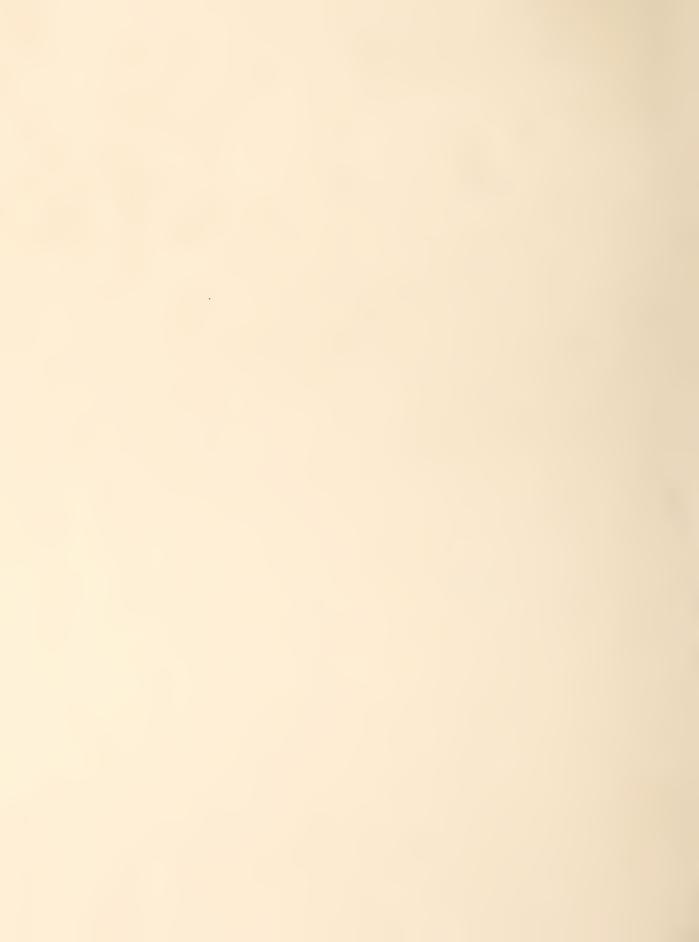
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PROVISION has now been made for what The Burr has long been desirous of—the placing of its exchanges open to the students. Permission has been kindly given to put them in the Library, where they will be passed out in the same manner as the other periodicals. We have had two reasons for wishing this done; first, because we knew the students would be glad of the privilege of reading more news of other colleges than The Burr has room to print; and second, we were sure it ought to procure more work on the paper, which we very much need.

HERE is to be a change in the programme of celebration for Washington's Birthday this year. The Farewell address has said its last farewell—we hope. It is just possible to get too much of a good thing, and in our opinion the farewell address was a case in point. Instead of an oration from only one

member of the junior class, each school will have its representative. The gentlemen selected, have cast lots among themselves for Washington's historical raiment, and will each view his character from a different standpoint. The abilities of the several speakers and the fact that the Glee Club does not take part in the celebration render its success probable.

THE kindness and forethought of President Lamberton in hiring a house and procuring the services of an experienced nurse for the use of any of our number who may catch the small-pox, deserves the gratitude of every student. With ordinary care there is no danger of catching the disease, but there is consolation in knowing that in the remote possibility of such a case, you would not be left to the tender mercies of the pest-house.

THE article "College Fun" which will be found on another page, was contributed by a former student of Lehigh. It is the first favor we have received from any gentleman of the alumni, and we hope it will not be the last. For our own part, we cannot imagine anything more valuable to our readers, or anything that we would more gladly publish, than the thoughts of those who, having enjoyed the advantages afforded by our University, have gone out into the world and tested the value of her training, and the truth of the ideas and impressions received when beneath her shadow. Nor can we imagine any more interesting reading than a racy account of the pranks of former students, written by a participant. Tradition tells us that there were giants in those days. Giants for whom neither faculty nor police had any terrors, but beyond the fragmentary accounts handed down from class to class, and retailed with much exaggeration in the janitor's room, there is nothing to be learned. Stories of midnight pranks and class

room jokes, when clothed with the romance of the past, and related with all the zest of an old student, never lack for readers.

THE Communication to be found in another column, in regard to the establishment of a National Board of Examiners for the conferring of engineering degrees, contains, it seems to us, some very good ideas. Such a board would soon have a number of applications to recommend young engineers, and thus the successful candidates would receive a situation with their diploma. The project is however a large one for a college paper to champion and the attention of scientific journalism will have to be enlisted before anything can be accomplished.

HE reception that Oscar Wilde has received in America, and especially at the hands of college men, demonstrates pretty clearly that the average college boy has little sympathy with astheticism. But there are exceptions to every rule. Doubtless each college can boast its Bunthorne in the person of some part-in-the-middle bang-your-hair-young-man, or, maybe he presents himself in the knickerbockers or mortarboard. We are the last to say that he has not a perfect right to these innocent excentricities. But might it not be well to remember that many people are so unreasonable as to judge of one's mental calibre by his general appearance. Might it not be well to call this to the attention of the young man with two utterly utter æsthetic tendencies provided he be not an ass. In the latter case it would be useless to advise him.

EVERY time the rules are read to us we are made painfully aware that the University has not yet escaped from its swaddling clothes, or rather, the influence is still apparent of the days when it was governed as a boarding school. The Burr under "Communications" has heretofore expressed its opinion with regard to the doubling of rent in Saucon

Hall, when the unfortunate student dares to rebel against his landlord.

Several similar rules exist to our inconvenience. The first, which we will do the authorities the credit to say is seldom enforced, is that prohibiting the change of boarding place without permission from the president. But the one most annoying is in reference to the place of boarding. Why should we be restricted from living at hotels? One meets with no more temptation there than at every street corner, nor with more interruptions than in the Halls, provided as dormitories, by the University.

IN a short time the end of this college year will be at hand, and with it comes the duty of the Editors to elect a new board. Now. how are we to make this selection—especially from the present freshman class? We are comparatively well acquainted with the writing ability of the junior and sophomore classes if we do not directly know what degree of excellence their individual members have in the writing line, we are personally acquainted with most of them, and can hence form a very fair opinion of what they would be able to do if elected to the board. But with the freshmen it is entirely different. Very few of them are so well known to any one of the Editors that he would care to recommend any particular one for election. And we know still less of their literary abilities. Let'us entreat all, the freshnien especially, to work. It may be that some hold back because they do not wish to seem to us to be working for an editorship—a very foolish pretense for an excuse. Those who work before election are the ones most likely to work after, and are just such men as we are anxious to find.

THE five years' course in the Department of Science at the University of Penna. seems to present similar objections and disadvantages that our four-and-a-half years' course in Mining Engineering does here. At the for-

mer place there is a sub-junior year which compels the students of Science to graduate one year later than the rest of their classthat is, they serve two years with their original class-mates and then three with those who have been, during two years, their underclassmen and "natural enemies" in all games and sports. We can congratulate ourselves that the condition of things in our Mining course is not so bad, yet it is open to objections. Those who take this course go through the form of receiving diplomas and the other graduation exercises, with the class with which they entered, yet their diplomas are withheld, and they are obliged to return for the half year to complete their studies and receive their diplomas properly signed. This does not annihilate "class feeling." According to the new Register the course in Mining will henceforth extend through five years instead of four and a half. This will place our Miners in a position similar to that occupied by the Scientifics of the University of Penna. remedy which the University Magazine proposes would, if followed out, be very applicable to both cases. An article in that paper on the five years' course suggests that some of the studies-such as French and German-that are pursued in that course be required for entrance and thus the course reduced to four years.

A NOTHER scheme! The University of Peuna. Magazine struggles to start an Inter-collegiate Lawn Tennis Association. It suggests that those colleges wishing to take part give their delegates to the next meeting of the Inter-collegiate Athletic Association power to act for them in the matter, and wishes to have opinions of the college press on the subject. It is our candid opinion that the plan will fall through about as certainly as did that of the Acta Columbiana to form an Inter-collegiate Press Association. However, the suggestions of the Magazine were good, and would perhaps tend to arouse the enthusiasm of college Tennis men, if well circulated.

E learn with regret that some of the students did not enjoy the performance of "Billee Taylor," lately given at the Opera House because "there was too much noise, you know." This is really too bad. We suppose these unfortunates belong to the class who brush their hair into their eyes, wear tight pants, and find no tolerance for anything which smacks of bad form. The noise, consisting of laughter and applause—was entirely within the bounds of propriety, and there was a delightful absence of that applause and glee which generally greets from the gallery any joke or situation which may be a little off color. Innocent enjoyment is not incompatible with the wearing of tight pants, and students who can not stand a simple manifestation of approbation or disapproval would better stay at home. We work hard enough to enjoy enthusiastically anything that comes along, and if we are gentlemen, considerate of the feelings of others and not desirous of creating the impression that we know the proper thing, we need have no fear for our dignity.

The behavior of the students then was not only harmless but highly satisfactory, and we would like to see more of the same kind. Life, that life which relieves the monotony of our grind, and makes pleasant reminiscences in after years, is almost entirely lacking at Lehigh, and any awakenings of such life should be hailed with pleasure.

THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

THE first meeting of this term was held on Saturday, the 28th ult. By half-past seven the members were gathered in Prof. Doolittle's room, which, through the kindness of that gentleman, will be used regularly, it being the most suitable in Packer Hall on account of the light.

It was decided that the society should be divided into the three schools, one paper being required from each, every meeting.

The first paper of the evening was "The Hudson River Tunnel," read by Mr. Rick-

secker, '82. It was a subject well chosen and well handled, the gentleman having visited the works, in person, and was accordingly prepared to answer satisfactorily any questions asked. From the sketches it could be easily understood, and judging from the attention given, we can feel no hesitation in saying it was a subject which excited interest among all present.

The next was from Mr. Rogers, '83, on "Paper Car-wheels, their Manufacture and Uses." These wheels produce considerable curiosity from the peculiarity of the material from which they are manufactured, and the rapidly extending use to which they are being put. One can not help pitying the insignificance of that American idea—a paper collar, when the Yankee uses paper where iron has so long held sway, and proves it to have advantages which cast iron does not possess—except in price. During the holidays Mr. Rogers visited the company's shops at Hudson, N. Y. We found his subject well worth attention and a source of instruction.

The meeting was postponed on the 4th inst., on account of the violent storm that night. The readers at the next meeting (18th inst.) are Mr. Bachman, E. M., '82; Mr. Forstall, M. E., '83; Mr. Dalrymple, C. E., '83. Prof. Merriman has been invited to address the meeting.

A Member.

COLLEGE FUN.

PRECISELY what constitutes fun in college life is a subject which has never been settled, at least by the parties who form the two sides of the question—on one side the students and on the other, the faculty and the townspeople; and the practice by the former of "having some fun" at the expense of the latter, has led to many expulsions and frequently serious trouble. In all establishments there must be some relaxation; some varying of the steady wearing strain of brain work, and that relaxation is called fun; but the name is a wide one. In the students dictionary it would in-

clude every species of act, from the burning of fences and sidewalks on a bon-fire, and the opening of the lock-gates of a canal, to the choking out a professor with chemicals, or the ducking of a poor miserable specimen of the freshman class-but it is not all fun. Pure viciousness is not fun. Practical jokes, are very liable to have serious consequences, and one can have his brains relaxed and his spirits freshened without a wanton imposition on the rights of others, or a criminal destruction of property. Old graduates look back to their days at college with great pleasure, and not the least among their happiest recollections, stand the pranks they have been engaged in. How many stories the old janitor could tell: how often the old bell has had its tongue stolen: how wagons have been found reposing on roofs and portico's, on quiet Sunday mornings; and how many a gay roysterer has he summoned to appear before the Faculty. Fun is fun, and boys will be boys; but let us not in enjoying fun, overstep its bounds, for then it becomes what is known as malicious mischief, and a long suffering townspeople may take the law in their hands, and then, woe betide the unfortunates. The recent arrest at Princeton of students who were having "fun" by wrenching off door-knobs and bell-pulls, carrying off signs, and acting the rowdy, is a strong example. Where students forget that they are gentlemen, and commit the acts of rowdies they should be willing to take the consequences of their infringements of the law. College students are supposed to be gentlemen and to act as such. The United States Navy is recruited from all ranks and stations, and yet its officers are required to act as gentlemen. Not so very long ago a young graduate from Annapolis, a descendant and the bearer of a famous old navy name, amused himself kicking over ash barrels and raising a racket in New York just to celebrate his graduation. He speedily found himself in a police station and all the influence of his name and connections aided by the endeavors of a very wealthy banker failed

to get him bailed out, and he narrowly escaped a court martial on his release. His idea of fun differed from the authorities' ideas. We are apt when students to think all hands in league against us, but it is not so. The faculty have a pride in the college and its students, and wish to help them in all ways; but when it comes to malicious mischief, arson, and destruction of property under the name of fun, they would be unworthy of their office if they did not use all endeavors to detect and punish the guilty ones. Students are frequently apt to condemn a faculty's finding out, in every possible way, who are the wrong-doers, forgetting that their act has placed them beyond the rules applied to open, honorable men, who are always treated openly and honorably. But how can students who act the coward and the sneak. blame professors and faculties for using all means of detecting them? Such students are better outside of the college than in it. They will do their Alma Mater no credit. We all can have fun; pure, open, innocent fun, that leaves no sting behind it. No cruelty under the name of fun should be tolerated on any fellow student, for however mean he may be, cruelty is not the thing to cure it and no honorable man will degrade himself by attempting it. Fun in moderation is a great benefit; it makes us enjoy life; but let us be careful in our enjoyment that we do not infringe upon another's rights, however insignificant we may consider them, and never in all our pleasures forget the golden rule.

O! MEMORY.

Not gay, but soothingly romantic.

No! Memory plays me false,—I'm off the track;
'Twas at a supper and we'd grown quite merry,
And as I from the board reeled laughing back,
Upon my dress-coat I upset the sherry
In some wild bacchanalian antic.

PATENT INSIDES.

↑ MONG the most venerable traditions of the college press is the annual attempt to form an intercollegiate press association, for the collection and distribution of general college news. At present the Knox Student is carrying on the crusade and goes so far as to offer to print and distribute to all papers joining the association, weekly bulletins of news; provided the papers will furnish facts to fill up said bul-The idea is perhaps a good one, but the thing has fallen through so many times that success now is doubtful. Now if we were going to suggest anything in the inter-collegiate line it would be towards an association for furnishing college papers with patent insides. It is well-known that there are several firms in the country, which make a business of furnishing small newspapers, with patent insides. One side of the sheet is printed with stories, old jokes, and patent medicine advertisements; thus printed it is sold for a little more than the cost price of the paper itself, the country editor fills up the last page with locals, the first with telegraphic news two days old, copied from the New York dailies, and you have your fullfledged, fourth-rate newspaper, The Bangtown Banner, or something to that effect.

Now if an enterprise of this kind could be stated among the colleges we are sure it would receive the support of nearly every paper. Imagine the feeling of relief, the placid calm that would come over the spirit of the managing editor on the receipt of a case of paper sufficient for three or four issues, with eight of the twelve pages filled with articles written in the most approved college style, three words to the sentence, two sentences to the chapter, containing all the latest slang, and ending up "ta-tee,

J. Milton Brown."

Thus two-thirds of that terrible abyss of blankness which stretches from cover to cover, would be bridged at once, and nothing would be easier than to fill in the approaches to the same with a few personals at the back, and at

the front a choice selection of those growls about the management of the institution, with which every well regulated editorial board is fully supplied.

Then too, it would lighten the duties of the exchange editor immensely. He could say "about forty of our contemporaries, to wit, the —— etc., have their insides gotten up by Scribble & Co., and are in every way most creditable to them. Article so and so is well written and excruciatingly humorous, etc., etc.; we are so well-pleased with Mr. Scribble's work that we intend soon having our internal organism prepared at his establishment."

It would take money and "push" to carry out the undertaking, but if there is enterprise enough in one of our colleges to run two dailies, there ought to be enough in all, to make a project of this kind successful, and it is our belief that the crying need of the college press to-day is "patent insides."

OPERETTA IN ONE ACT. Scene.—Thesis-Day at Lehigh University, 1890 A.D. Prep.

Oh mamma, dear, I pray you, say!
Who are those men with heads so gray?
What is the tongue they speak so well,
Which makes one think so much of hades?

Fond Mother.

Those are the ancient E.M.s, my child, Who are muttering now in accents wild; It is German they speak in this insane way, And to-day, my son, is their Thesis-Day.

Cho. of E.M.s

When the Faculty are laughing in their sleeve, in their sleeve,

And the civils getting fifty cents a day

And the civîls getting fifty cents a day, cents a day,

We poor miners will endeavor to believe, to believe,

All the things that our dear professors say, 'fessors say,

While the chemists are a rolling in the sand, in the sand,

And mechanicals are having lots of fun, lots of fun,

Though the ladies will all take us by the hand, by the hand;

A miner's lot is not a happy one, happy one.

Curtain.

CAMP LIFE.

IN August, 1881, a party of young fellows gathered themselves together in a city somewhere East of the Mississippi, and said one to another, Go to! let us take unto ourselves much hash material and a tent, and go forth into the woods that we may give free rein to our savage instincts. And they did so. Statistics as to the number of pounds of salt pork and sugar-cured hams provided, and the number of locations discussed can be supplied from the recollections of the reader, who has doubtless "been there" himself. Suffice it to say that one generous youth contributed stores to the amount of two jars of pickles. and went by the name of "Pickles" ever afterwards.

The original party consisted of seven fellows, the "Chief," "Pickles," the "Yale Man," the "Prep," the "Miner," the writer, and Jack, "maid of all work." The tent was pitched on a high bluff near a large, landlocked arm of the sea, a flag staff was raised, and a fragment of sheet was fixed thereto. It became Pickles' self appointed duty to raise and lower the flag at sunrise and sunset, and at various other times of day, when the spirit moved him. He performed his duty in a most painstaking manner. Indeed he never found time for anything else. The first foraging expedition resulted most unfortunately for one of our number. We came prepared to get any necessary provisions by hook or crook—principally by hook, for had we not thrown off all the restraints of civilization, first among which are the inconvenient regulations in regard to meum and teum?

Three of us took the boat and paddled along the shore, until a field of supposed sweet corn appeared. A detachment was landed, and a somewhat premature harvest at its height; when the cry arose, "Behold the farmer cometh, go ye out to escape from him!" The expedition re-embarked with some precipitancy, and rowed out of range of stones and other de-

tached portions of real estate. In jumping over a wall with an armful of corn, the Chief turned his ankle. He thought nothing of it at the time, but on reaching camp was scarcely able to bear his weight upon it. On triumphantly presenting our plunder to Jack, that functionary pulled one ear open, and threw it overboard, with the remark "Taint nothing but field corn; only fit for cattle!"

By sundown the Chief's ankle was in a terrible state, which his nervousness was far from improving. In fitting out the party the medicine chest had been forgotten, and so nothing was left but an expedition to the nearest village for a supply of the popular cure-all, Pond's Extract of Witch Hazel, known to its users as Pond's Extract. We started about seven in the evening and got along famously until we came to the shore of an inlet which crossed our path. After a few minutes search a small boat was found and all got in and began to push; but it was no go. We were stuck fast; all out but one, was the word. And the boat was drawn up beside a rock and the embarkation commenced anew. After three men had accomplished the perilous feat, the boat was pretty well loaded. The Yale man remarked that as he never admired the character of Jonah he would walk around to the village; and Pickles inclining to the same opinion, they started off together. We paddled across the cove, climbed the bank and came down into a sort of amphitheatre where a company of spiritualists were holding a camp-meeting. Down in the centre was a pavilion, in which was a cabinet organ, covered with an old sail and looking in the dim twilight like the mercy-seat, surmounted by the cherubim. In front of that was a voice, for we could not see its owner, hidden as he was, by the dark shadows of the pines; the voice, a full rich bass, was conducting the meeting, calling on speakers and filling in the intervals with its deep monotone. However we pressed on, entered the village, rejoined Pickles andhis companion, went into the first store we saw,

and asked for Pond's Extract. The boy who "tended store" in the proprietor's absence took down a bottle, wrapped it up, and gave us back the change. We went on our way rejoicing, singing as long as there was anybody within hearing that we could disturb. When we reached the woods our troubles began. Within their shadow all was Egyptian darkness. The path, narrow and with many branches, wound in among rocks, and in dangerous proximity to several old cellars of quarry houses. The underbrush arched overhead and the briers arched beneath. Nothing was heard but the whack of the playful birch as it snapped back in the face of the fellow behind you, and the growl of your file leader as he went banging over some rocky place. But we were sustained by the thought of the relief we were bringing to the suffering chief. We had faith in the efficacy of Pond's Extract in general, and of this blood-bought bottle in particular. Placing the Yale man, who carried the beloved bottle, in the rear that he might profit by our accidents, and so preserve it intact, we stumbled on, often losing the way, crawling under briers, creeping along the edges of young precipices, relieving our overwrought spirits by a running fire of scriptural quotations, some of which would not be found in the revised version. At last we slid down into the last ravine, climbed up the other side and there stood the tent all lit up, and the Chief lying in the centre with an agonized "don't touch me" expression on his face, and his ankle done up in about four blankets. In answer to his eager queries, the longed for remedy was produced, and the Prep was about to apply it when something peculiar about the label attracted his attention; holding it down to the light he read "Pond's Extract of Lemon Beer." (Tableau and Curtain.)

FRESHMAN'S CLASS SUPPER.—NEXT MORNING'S MEDITATIONS.

ELL, I've been drunk now and no mistake. Why it's not so bad. I don't think anyone noticed me. Guess I talked all right too, 'cause the waiters laughed whenever

I got off a joke. If I hadn't drank that fourth glass I would have been all right. Ugh! the lights, and the glasses, and the white table cloth were awfully dazzling. Wonder what I did after that fourth glass. They say sometimes fellows have to be taken home. Wonder if I was. Jove! how my head aches—and so thirsty, wonder if water would hurt me. (Lud! How I'll flunk to-day. Got an absence too.) I've got to pull up now. Why only day before vesterday I drank two beers and played pool the same evening. Well, I guess there's nothing fresh about me any more.

TO AN OLD VALENTINE.

ITHIN a dainty envelope, No larger than a ladies' note, Lies that, on which I built my hope. A valentine.

> Embossed, and fringed with faded lace, Imbued with all the sender's grace-It calls up now before my eyes that face Divine.

The months flew by, and soon drew near The time when she who made thee dear, Would plain to all the world appear As mine.

It could not be! Too soon came Death, And now of life and hope bereft, Of that sweet past, alone is left -Her valentine.

COMMUNICATIONS.

DITORS OF "THE BURR:"—We call your attention to agitating the establishment of National Central Examining Boards for graduates in the Technical and Scientific courses of our colleges. There is such a dissimilarity in the scholarship of our colleges in these courses, that the public safety which has to rely on the ability of engineers in railroads, steam, and mining, demands some test or standard of scholarship showing a thorough practical and theoretical training, and that the degrees of C.E., M.E., E.M., Ph.D., mean just what they represent. Institutions whose standard is high would have nothing to fear from

the test, whilst those whose standard is low or at least doubtful would be obliged in self-defense to work up to the proper level if they desired their graduates to bear honorable comparison with others. Under the present plan, the properly qualified engineer, as well as the profession at large, suffer from the incompetency of graduates who bear a title they do not merit.

There might be three Engineering boards, one for each course. Say one under the auspices of the American Society of Civil Engineers, one under the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and one under the American Society of Mining Engineers—said boards to be located at Washington for the East, and at St. Louis for the West. All should have the same test of scholarship, and be under the same management.

The diploma should be national in character, thus: U. S. C.E., U. S. M.E., U. S. E.M., or N. (national) C.E., N. M.E., to distinguish them from the current college degrees of the day.

The cost should be \$25 or \$50 which would probably cover all expenses of organizing and conducting such a board.

DITORS OF "THE BURR:"—As the subject of college shops in connection with Lehigh University has been aired, a few remarks in regard to their practical results may be in order. They do not give the Mechanical engineer the kind of knowledge that will be useful to him in his professional career. The training he should have, to become a superintendent of machine construction, or as designer of machinery in general, is that which will enable him to superintend or design intelligently. This knowledge can only be gained in establishments where the four different trades are carried on quite extensively, where the work turned out is of practical value and will be made to stand the test of actual work. In some college shops the students do a little tool building, the aim being extreme accuracy. They are aided by tools of a similar nature and the work turned out is all very fine to look at, quite fit to be put under a glass case and sent to an exhibition, but take these students and put them into a common workshop where they will be compelled to do work with the tools given them; put a student for instance on a lathe or planer that has to be pieced out to make it hold a certain job, and where is the value of the practice gained in the college workshop? It may be said; Oh! that is not the superintendent's business, that is a journeyman's "kink." Very true, but if a director does not know how a job should be done, he will not know whom to blame if it is spoiled. This instance is only one of hundreds that might be cited, and it is in such cases that an engineer's training and genius are brought into play. In the designing of machinery, he should be conversant with the principal processes employed in the pattern shop, foundry, machine and blacksmith shops. No college in the country can afford to carry on all the operations in these plants, if not a paving concern, and if it were paving, mechanics and not students would have to be employed. The best way for a student of mechanical engineering to obtain the requisite practical knowledge, is to go into shops where every-day work is being done, and money made therefrom; for the accumulation of filthy lucre, if not the chief end of man, is the chief end of a manufactory. Let him hang around the different shops for six months or a year, taking measurements, notes and sketches, if he can find a place where the superintendent and foreman are willing to be bothered with him. If he can not do this, let him go into some shop as an apprentice for a time, and while working, keep his eyes open, get on the right side of foreman and men, ask questions, and if the answers do not agree with his theory, keep his mouth shut. A man to be a successful superintendent must know how to manage men. If he has no tact this will be impossible wherever he receives his training; but if he has this happy faculty to any extent, he will see how a shop full of men are governed, as he would have no opportunity of doing in the companionship of his fellow students. How much more respect a journeyman has for a foreman or superintendent who understands the practical, as well as the theoretical part of his business, and how much more willing to do his bidding. "Toy shops" there may exist for those who want them, but let the school of Mechanical Engineering of Lehigh University make its reputation, as the schools of Mining and Civil have done, by getting practical knowledge from a practical source.

Geneganslet.

EXCHANGES.

THE Cornell Review wishes enlightenment as to what is the proper object of an exchange column. It asks: "Is it to make home readers acquainted with other colleges and college publications? or is it to give careful, critical estimates of single articles? or is it to give honest opinions and helpful advice relating to the general character of a paper, or the tone of college journalism entire? or is it a mixture of these?" In answer to the first question we can safely say that the exchange column, as conducted, does not acquaint home readers with other colleges, but it does, to some extent, with other college publications—but for what good? If a paper's exchanges are open to the public, the public can themselves form more satisfactory opinions of them than by reading the exchange column. If the exchanges are not open to the public, the latter will not be interested in criticisms and notices on exchanges. Most decidedly, it is not to give careful, critical estimates of single articles. Most articles, if they deserve any mention, deserve more than "that was well written," "such a one was poor," &c. Such criticisms may be given with care, but they do not show wherein lie the commendable or faulty points. In regard to the third question, we answer: "yes, to a partial extent that is the tendency." Very few exchange-editors, we believe, look upon what they write as meant for "helpful advice," the idea which is first grasped by the Ed. is "now I have a chance to sit on that paper," and he does it forthwith and labels it "advice." But, finally, the exchange column is certainly a mixture, and nearly every paper conducts it on a plan different from every other, and what is the result? It is bewilderment to the Review and all other exchange editors. The Review also states: "The writers of the articles noticed, unless they are also editors, probably never see our criticisms, and so fail to receive the vast amount of edification which said criticisms are calculated to give." Now, the edification of the writers is of very small importance compared with the edification of the editors. These latter, if the criticisms are fair, are the ones most benefited, for they are made more careful in regard to what shall be published in subsequent numbers of their respective papers. The general manner in which exchange columns are conducted is getting monotonous and even ridiculous; certainly that some reform is needed, is appreciated by nearly every exchange-ed. But what shall be done? It is truly a pity to occupy space with commonplace notices and comments of little interest to the general subscriber, so that, if a change is to be effected, there is a choice between two plans. One is to drop entirely the column. The other is more desirable, and one, we consider, recommendatory. We would conduct this more on the clipping style. Clippings of the humorous sort leave out of it, by all means. Drop all petty and electrotyped criticisms. When an article merits any especial praise, give it by clipping it, or, if too long, by selecting the choicest parts and at the same time those parts which would most interest the general reader. The exchange department would then be the exponent of the best and brightest ideas of the college press, and yet supply all moderate demands of those papers wishing criticisms. Some papers might raise the objection that the column would be of too great length. In reply we claim that its length need not exceed that of many of the existing college journals.

The Hamilton (N.Y.) Literary Monthly presents an excellent editorial on the cut and dried subject: "College Journalism." We clip a portion of it: "Others object to journalism in college on the ground that it has a tendency to develop in young writers who are forming their style, faulty modes of expressing themselves. It must be admitted that the college editor has to deal with a great variety of styles, many of which are misleading in their tendency. But he expects to find specious fallacies of manner whose faults can be detected only by the most careful study. Such drill as the study of this literature must give, can not but train and dispose his mind to analyze fully and accurately everything brought within the range of his observation. College journalism has been graced with some of the most illustrious names in literature. Poets, orators, statesmen and historians have been its supporters. Besides Thackery at Cambridge, Daniel Webster at Dartmouth, Edward Everett, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russel Lowell, at Harvard; many illustrious men at Yale, Amherst, Williams, and Hamilton, first showed the world the power of their genius by their contributions to the college press. Collège papers, then, however dull, are not to be wholly despised. They are valuable training schools for future usefulness."

KERNELS.

- -Birthington's Washday.
- -Been sleighing, of course?
- -How many valentines did you get?
- -The snow-ball fiend is now rampant.
- -The small-pox scare is on the decline.
- -Mellican callee allee samee Washee-ton.
- —There was quite a large percentage of flunks in reexamination.
- -Cowan, formerly President of '85, has entered the University of Michigan.
- —The Washington's birthday celebration will take place on Tuesday the 21st.

- —The electric light is being put up in the steel mill. There is a chance for a thesis.
- -Howe, '85, has nearly recovered from his illness, but will not return until next year.
- —Prof. (to great German scholar): "Sprechen Sie Deutsch?"—G. G. S.: "Ya, Monsieur."
- -Prof. Klein's class on steam boilers went to Allentown on a visit of inspection Saturday the 11th inst.
- -Re-examinations in Qualitative took place Saturday the 11th inst. Of the seven who entered, five passed.
- .-Jim's children caught the small-pox. Result: A slgiht scare and a temporary vacancy in the janitorship.
- —Mr. Merkle '84, has been absent from college several days—It is understood that he was called home by the death of his father.
- —To provide against contingencies, President Lamberton hired a house and engaged the services of a man who is a professional small-pox nurse.
- —Now during the Lenten season the heavy swell will use his single stud as a collar-button, and the wicked sophomore will do without water in his whisky.
- —The plans for the gymnasium have returned to Philadelphia, and are lying in the office of Addison Hutton, Esq., the architect who is to put up the building.

Beer-foam.—Oh! to have taken away
This liquid cause of my sorrow,
Where the bead of a heady to-day
Will be a darned headache to-morrow.

- —The sophomore class supper will take place Tuesday evening. Feb. 21st. Committee of Arrangements: Messrs. Linderman, Hillegass, Smith, Stewart, R, and Jardine.
- -Rumors are going the rounds of Boston that at the close of the performance of Œdipus Tyrannus at New York, loud cries of "Author! author!" arose from the delighted audience.
- —The cuts of Packer Hall and the Library, from which the plates in the *Epitome* were printed, have been purchased by the University and will probably appear in the *Register* next year.
- —The Register is out. Now is the time the freshman goeth and beggeth a copy, gazeth with awe upon his name inscribed therein, and straightway sendeth it away to his admiring parents.
- —Several of the freshmen who left during last term and at the beginning of this, are at Lafayette. In our race for a diploma, the motto is not, "The devil take the hindermost." But Lafayette takes the hindermost.
- —What is This? This is a Student Has He been run-through a Threshing Machine? No; He went to A Class Supper last Night. What did He do There? He made a Speech in Reply to a Toast. Is not Toast good? Yes, Milk Toast is good, and a Champagne

- Toast is better, but it's Awful dry Toast for the Man who has to Reply to it.
- —The freshman class supper took place Friday evening the 17th of February. The presence of thirty-five members only could be guaranteed The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Messrs. Baldy, McLanegan, Wilbur and Peet. The Toast Committee were Messrs. Graeff, Price, Mehaffey and G. W. Snyder.
- —One of our esteemed professors says his wife is not at all æsthetic. He says, she does not even know the fitness of things. For only the other day he brought home a real funny motto for his dining room, that had worked on it, "Nature abhors a vacuum," supposing she knew where to hang it; but she did'nt, for he found it hanging over his own picture in the parlor that very afternoon.
- -Scene: Evening party.—Instructor is introduced to young lady interested in college matters.

She .- "Have you been long in town?"

He,-"Only a few weeks."

She.-" Did you-ah-enter the Freshman class?"

He.—"———————————." (She doesn't remember exactly what he said; in fact, he was so taken aback that he couldn't say much of anything.)

- —The hitch in the matter of making German obligatory throughout the course was that in making this change without consulting the Executive Committee, the Faculty have gone beyond their constitutional powers. Their position is consequently untenable against a determined resistance, and thus their vacillations in the matter are explained. Red tape generally acts upon the students. In this case it has re-acted on the Faculty.
- —At the last meeting of the Literary Society, Friday, Feb. 3d, a committee that had been appointed at the preceding meeting to consider as to whether a change of programme was desirable, made the following report, which was adopted: That instead of having the present programme, in future the literary exercises should consist only of a debate, and one original oration. It was considered that this would make the meetings more interesting and cause a larger attendance than has been the rule of late.
 - -Rutgers is to admit women.
 - -Small-pox excitement at Amherst.
- -Yale Glee Club cleared \$800 by their last Western tour.
- —An optional class in Italian at Trinity are reading Dante.
- -All the Faculty of Amherst are alumni of that institution.
- —The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has 377 students.
- —There seems to be a general prostration of literary societies in many of the colleges.
- —An American took the first prize in mathematics at the University of Heidelberg.—Ex.

- —Columbia students are to be prohibited from conversing with each other during recitation.
- —The University of Minnesota is minus seven professors. Cause: removed for incompetency.
- —Out of a sophomore class of 81 members at Columbia only 23 were present at the class supper.
- —Nineteen million dollars have been given to the cause of education within the last year, -Ex.
- —The Methodist Church controls 95 of the 358 colleges in the United States.—Educational Review.
- —A suit involving the title of property to the value of \$1,000,000 has lately been decided in favor of Yale.
- —There are one hundred and four elective courses open to undergraduates in Harvard College.— University Magazine.
- —At Yale the average expense of each member of 81 was \$3,825 for the whole course, or \$956.25 for each year.—*Ex*.
- -President Porter of Yale advocates a return to the tell-tale system. He does not believe in student honor and self-government.
- —Some time ago the steward of the Trinity College commons decamped during the night, leaving his boarders to shift for themselves His place has not yet been filled.
- —The University of Pennsylvania has in agitation a project for establishing a commencement-week at the end of the college year, in which most of the class celebrations shall be massed.
- —Stevens Institute at Hoboken, having more applicants for admission than it can accommodate, intends raising the tuition-fees—the latter already amount to \$175 for residents of New Jersey and \$225 for those living outside of the State.
- —The base ball league among Western colleges has lately been started. Northwestern University, Racine College and Michigan University are the only ones composing it, as yet. The constitution of the Eastern league has been adopted in toto.
- —The class of '33 of Dartmouth College presents a notable instance of longevity. It graduated 31 members, and 17 are still living, the average age being 70 years and 6 months. One of them is one of the present "Twelve Apostles" of the Mormons of Utah.
- —The University of Pennsylvania is growing so fast that a vigorous effort is being made to obtain from the city the cession of certain lots known as the Almshouse property, adjacent to the University grounds, on which it is intended to put up several new buildings.
- —As the 22d of February this year will be Ash-Wednesday, the Faculty have generously decided to omit all recitations on the 20th and allow the usual holiday on Ash-Wednesday also. The Oratorial prize contest usually held on Washington's birthday will take place on the 20th.—*Trinity Tablet*.

- —The University, one of the two papers published at the University of Michigan, has departed this life. Cause: financial embarrassment. It seems a little queer that while Harvard supports two daily and three biweekly publications, Michigan University, with a greater number of students, can not support two of the latter.
- —On Friday the 13th of January the Boston University came into the possession of \$2,000,000, bequeathed them in the will of Mr. Isaac Rich of that city. On the date mentioned, the ten years of waiting, rendered necessary by the provisions of the will, expired and the institution came into full enjoyment of the legacy.
- —A Dartmouth sophomore was wounded by the accidental discharge of a shot-gun in the hands of a classmate, and died in less than four hours after the occurrence. The entire charge entered the body one inch to the left of the spinal cord and shattered the base of the left lung, death resulting from the shock and hemorrhage.
- —Mr. Orville Brewer of Chicago is publishing a college song-book of 230 pages, 4 of which will be devoted to each college represented. The words are to be original, the tunes may be original or adapted. Forty copies will be furnished any college contributing its quota of songs, at one dollar a copy. Retail price two dollars.
- —The manager of the company which was to play "Michael Strogoff" in Hartford, last month, contracted with an enterprising freshman for twenty two Trinity students to serve in the army. The news spread and the three front rows of orchestra chairs were taken by students. All went well until the last part of the second act, when the army appeared in battle array. The terrific storm of applause from the three front rows of chairs, so demoralized the gallant troopers that when the time came to die, some of them sat up and others revived in a few seconds. The curtain fell and the manager, foaming with rage, disbanded the army, and its members retired for protection upon their friends in the audience.

CLIPPINGS

-Prof. P --- is responsible for the stale pun this time: "We will commence at the head of the class. Herr Dye, you may begin."

-College Argus.

— Scene.—German class. Prof. ——.: "Begreifen."
—Give parts and meaning. Student.—"Begreifen—Begriff—Begriffin—to catch in the act of." Prof. wonders why class smile.—Argo. If that Prof. had any acquaintance with Griffin, the South Bethlehem cop, he would wonder still more why they should smile.

ODE TO HIS BARBER.

O! my mustache, my sweet mustache,
On wax for thee I've spent my cash:
Thou'st cost me many an envious lash,
From jealous youths, not up to the fash;
Thou'st suffered many a damaging slash,
From the unconscious razor's dash;
Thou'st made for me full many a mash,
And strained the hair-pins out of the hash!
But now thou art gone—by —, by —!
A serious loss, if I still must hash.
—Chronicle.

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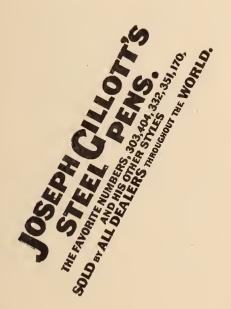
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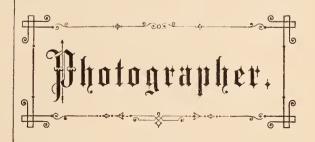
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